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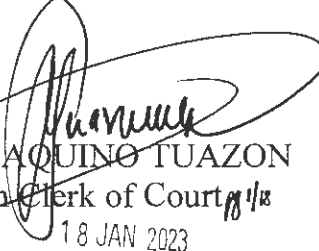
Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court, Second Division, issued a Resolution dated **September 21, 2022** which reads as follows:*

“OCA IPI No. 20-5064-RTJ (*DR. GIL A. ASOY, complainant v. HON. LOLITA R. MERCADO, Presiding Judge, Branch 46, Regional Trial Court, Tacloban City, Leyte, in her capacity as Acting Presiding Judge, Branch 34, Regional Trial Court, Tacloban City, Leyte; and HON. LEONITO S. SABANDAL, Presiding Judge, Branch 9, Regional Trial Court, Tacloban City, Leyte, respondents*). – The Court **NOTES** the attached Report and Recommendation¹ dated March 9, 2022 of the Judicial Integrity Board (JIB). It further **ADOPTS** and **APPROVES** the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations of the JIB in the said attached Report and Recommendation. The complaint against Hon. Lolita R. Mercado, Presiding Judge, Regional Trial Court, Branch 46, Tacloban City, Leyte and Hon. Leonito S. Sabandal, Presiding Judge, Regional Trial Court, Branch 9, Tacloban City, Leyte is **DISMISSED** for utter lack of merit.

SO ORDERED.” (M. Lopez, J., on official business)

By authority of the Court:


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Division Clerk of Court *gjs*
18 JAN 2023

¹ *Rollo*, pp. 147–154.

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Respondent
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-and/or-
Presiding Judge
Regional Trial Court, Branch 46
Tacloban City, Leyte

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*with a copy of the Report and Recommendation dated March 9, 2022

Please notify the Court of any change in your address.

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